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# Mechanized Health Care Via the Ford Plan

*by Robert Gockman*

They'd take over the hospitals and make them all linear  
As straight as an arrow and some even skinnier  
Practitioners would align on each side of a belt  
At the end of the line, they'd collect at the gelt  
Each plan would address a certain concern  
Like a place for things broken , or a place to matern

Patients alike would be gathered together  
To be hung on the belt, depending on whether  
Things that were broken were in common, like legs  
And they'd move one by one, being held up by pegs  
The line would move slowly, each station they'd pass  
Featured computerized treatment, the first would be gas

After hitting the ether, they'd be scrubbed up and cleaned  
And the part that was broken would be X rayed machined  
The doctors and nurses would be specialists waiting  
For the next moving victim with hearts palpitating

The tools of their trade would be close to their sides  
As the patients advanced slowly on these mechanized rides

They would slice, splint or sew every new case as it came  
And they'd keep it all moving -cutting costs is their game  
When the patient would come to the end of the line  
Our Health Care would be billed for parts, labor and time  
And patients would beam in anticipation  
For the part that they played in this new automation

So we all owe a debt to the great Henry Ford  
Who deftly attached the first running board?  
In this present day we've converted his scheme  
To a National Socialized Medical dream  
We've come a long way from Ford's first motorcar  
To the mechanized, sanitized hernia scar.